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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: WO 200288891A

BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - System comprises a customer query system prompting the customer to submit

information and an account opening request and recording the information and request, a pre-validation system receiving the customer information and validating it, an account number distribution system and a cache system receiving and storing the request, the account number and the validated customer information when an account activation system is unavailable.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - It can send the details to the account activation system when it is available. The account number distribution system includes a unique account number repository and an account recommendation system makes an account type suggestion based on account usage information. The customer query system prompts the customer for the account use information and records it. A monitor system determines when the account activation system is unavailable and can communicate with the cache system.

There are INDEPENDENT CLAIMS for:

- (1) A method of facilitating opening of an account for a customer by a backend system
- (2) A computer program for facilitating opening of an account for a customer by a backend system.

USE - System is for opening an account with a shipping or freight business and can be used by a telephone service center.

ADVANTAGE - System is Internet-accessible, manpower-economical and issues account numbers in real time. It is convenient and automatically requests startup kits for the customer. Data entry errors are avoided as the customer inputs his own data into a GUI.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows an account opening system interacting with backend systems.

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EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.2/18

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TITLE: Retail shopping method involves activating graphical user interface if intelligent shopping station is employed by customer so that customer can access product specific information within databases of shopping station

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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: US20020035512A

## BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A graphical user interface (GUI) is activated if an intelligent shopping station (ISS) is employed by a customer. The customer can access product specific information within searchable databases of the ISS, selected from suggestion categories consisting of product information, frequently asked questions about a consumer-indicated product, alternatives to the indicated product etc.

USE - For retail shopping for e.g. hands-on retailing and home catalog/Internet/home TV shopping.

ADVANTAGE - Provides reduced shopping time, superior service, access to a wide variety or size, color, quantity and coordinates.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows an interactive shopping method using both consumer and retailer.

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EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1/14

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TITLE: Virtual sales representative system for on-line shopping via internet

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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: US 6070149A

BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A sale engine unit (10) analyzes one answer of the user according to rule of E-shop (24), based on which another question is to be asked or type of product to be suggested to the user is determined. According to the answer from the user and rule base of E-shop, type of product being selected by the user is displayed, for guiding customer to target product.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - At least one question about the product is enquired to the user by an E-shop with rule base that interprets the answer of the user. A GUI (22) being displayed by computer, presents and receives one question and answer to and from the user to sales engine unit. The E-shop and sales engine unit send and receive data to and from GUI through web server protocol. The E-shop, sales engine unit and GUI are presented to the user through applet which is a stand-alone software program. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) method for secure transmission of number over network;
- (b) method for providing virtual sales representative for selling of a product.

USE - For on-line shopping via internet, electronic sales, electronic commerce etc.

ADVANTAGE - By guiding the customer to target product, the system will shorten the search cycle for the customer as well as find better matched products. Provides market advisory, suggestion, recommend, discussion, comment to the customer regarding the product, by enabling users to interact with the interactive sales representatives system via WWW for sales guidance.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows schematic block diagram of sales representative system.

Sales engine unit 10

GUI 33

E-shop 24

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